

# Make a Water Conservation Poster



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What you will need:

- Computer paper
- coloring utensils
- You may do this on the computer at home

1. Make a list of ways that you and your community could conserve water better.



2. Choose one problem and one solution to share with the class.  
Think about what you could say and draw on the poster.
3. The poster should include:
  - a. a title
  - b. a drawing/picture with a caption
  - c. one problem
  - d. one solution
4. You can use the diagram on page 239 in your textbook to help.
5. Helpful website:  
<http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/index.php>
6. Work on the poster. (If you are going to do it on the computer at home, you will start your rough draft drawing of your poster here at school.)

# Family Water Conservation Tips

(ADAPTED FROM *TAKING STOCK OF WATER USE FROM  
WATERWAYS: LINK TO THE SEA*)

## **TOILET:**

*People use more water flushing the toilet than any other way.*

- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Flush only when necessary.
- Save water on each flush by displacing the water in the tank with two half-gallon plastic jugs filled with water and pebbles for weight.
- Check for leaks and have them repaired. (Check for leaks by adding a water-soluble vegetable dye to the water in the tank, but don't flush. If there is a leak, some color will show up in the water in the bowl within a few minutes.)

## **BATH AND SHOWER:**

- Take showers instead of baths, and make showers shorter.
- Install a water-saving showerhead and have your hot water tank wrapped with insulation. (Contact your utility company for more information on wrapping your water tank.)

## **SINK:**

*Don't let water run down the drain while you do the following:*

- Brush teeth, shave, or wash;
- Wash and rinse dishes;
- Wash fruits and vegetables; or

- Wait for water to get cold to have a drink. (Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator instead.)

## **GENERAL HOUSEHOLD:**

- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Use low-volume or conservation settings if your machines have them.
- Do a home leak-check on all faucets and water lines and repair any leaks.
- Water the garden and lawn at dawn when the day is cool (so less water evaporates) and only when needed.
- Use "trickle" irrigation instead of sprinkling.
- Mulch the garden to retain moisture in the soil.
- Consider planting drought-resistant native plants that don't require watering.
- Collect rain water or drops from an air conditioner for yard use.
- Wash the car using a bucket. Use a hose only when rinsing and always use a nozzle on the garden hose.
- Wash the dog or car on the lawn.
- Sweep walkways and driveways instead of hosing them.
- Recycle aluminum. (Manufacturing aluminum from recycled cans rather than from virgin ore can reduce water usage by 97%.)